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MEMORANDUM FOR

THE HONORABLE TERENCE A. TODMAN
ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF STATE FOR
INTER-AMERICAN AFFAIRS

Congressman Henry Waxman of California has brought to our attention the fact that a relative of one of his constituents, Alejandro Deutch, was allegedly kidnapped by the Argentine secret police along with his entire family (his wife, Helena, and three daughters). According to Congressman Waxman, Alejandro Deutch is not political in any way, but is Jewish. He is an air conditioner manufacturer; his wife is a pediatrician. Mr. Deutch is reportedly a diabetic which leads his family to have great concern about his health.

Congressman Waxman wanted the subject raised with the Argentinian delegation during their visit here. I understand that Pat Derian has also been informed of this case. We believe it would be useful if you could pursue it at an appropriate level with the Argentinian delegation, and we would appreciate receiving a report of their response so that Congressman Waxman could be appropriately informed.

David Aaron
Deputy Assistant to the President
for National Security Affairs

cc: Pat Derian
Coordinator for Human Rights and
Humanitarian Affairs, Office of the
Deputy Secretary of State

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